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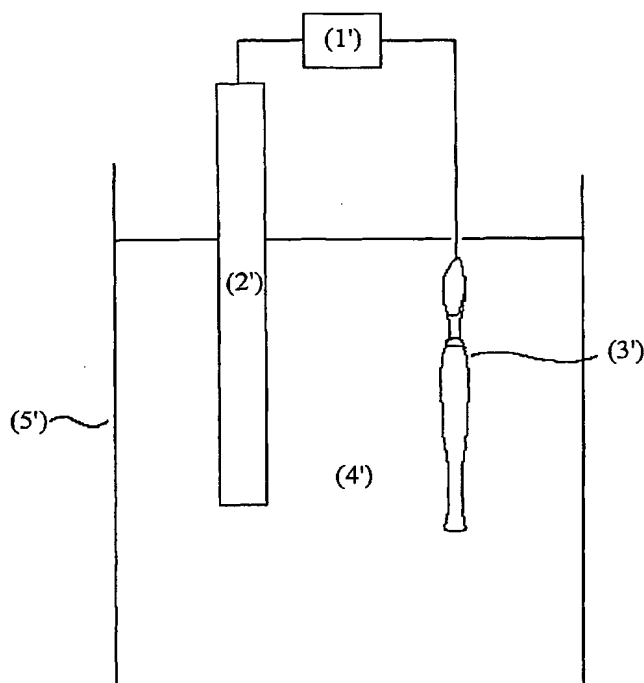
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(57) Abstract: A method of decontami-
nating, disinfecting or sterilizing an article
which method comprises placing the
article in an electrolytic system with an
oxygenated electrolyte (4') and applying
a potential difference to the electrolytic
system. The method is particularly suitable
for the sterilization of stainless steel surgical
instruments (3') wherein the instrument
comprises the cathode in the electrolytic
system.

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